

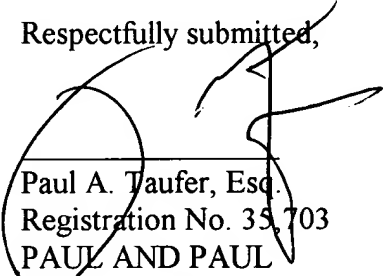
formal drawings filed on November 14, 1997 have been approved, however, an inconsistency exists between the formal drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification; namely, the Brief Description refers to figure Fig. 5 and the formal drawings contain figures Fig. 5 and 5a.

In accordance with the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency With Specification, the specification has been amended to recite that the Brief Description refers to figures Fig. 5 and 5a.

In addition, no petition or fee set forth in section 1.17(i) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312(b) is believed required for the following reasons. Applicant submitted formal drawings on October 9, 1997 which was stamped October 14, 1997 by the Patent Office. Since no communication was received from the Drafting Branch advising of any corrections being required, applicant attended to paying the issue fee on November 19, 1997 which was received on November 20, 1997 by the patent office. Applicant subsequently learned that the present file had been misplaced resulting in a delay of approximately one year until applicant's formal drawings submitted on October 9, 1997 were reviewed by the Drafting Branch. However, if any fees are required with respect to this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Paul & Paul Deposit Account No. 16-0750.

Respectfully submitted,

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